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Haliburton Highlands Golf Course's Ross Petch cuts the grass on Monday morning, May 10 in Haliburton. Owner Randall Wood said it's been a difficult few months while he has remained closed due to the provincial lockdown. Ontario Premier Doug Ford announced last Thursday, May 20 that outdoor recreation facilities, such as golf courses, could reopen as of May 22. Wood said he needed more than 48 hours notice from the province to open to train his eight summer staff, who will need close to a week of training pertaining to COVID-19 protocol practices. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Haliburton student creates new logo for Barnum Creek Nature Reserve

MIKE BAKER

County Life Editor

Barnum Creek Nature Reserve has a new locally-created logo.

Unveiled last week, the logo was designed by Colleen Petric, a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"Colleen has captured the essence of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve in her combination of lines and colours," said Joan Duhaime, of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, in a recent press release. "This eye-catching logo was chosen from designs from Karen Gervais' class."

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is the steward of Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. The organization has managed the site since 2018, after Leopoldina and Margaret Dobrzensky, under the Environment and Climate Change Canada's Ecological Gifts Program, donated the 500-acre property.

Barnum Creek was opened to the public last October. There are seven kilometres of trails available for area residents to enjoy year-round.

Visitors will find the new logo on signs along Gelert Road, indicating directions to Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. The art will also be used on future brochures and signage.

For more information about Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Colleen Petric designed the new logo for Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, pictured above. /Submitted photo

Haliburton's Halls Island Artist Residency is set to reopen

Halls Island Artist Residency, a unique remote island space, expects to open this summer to offer resident artists a private space in which to create new work or finish an ongoing project. The volunteer management committee is thrilled to confirm that Canadian artists who had their residency cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic are able to attend this year.

As long as provincial and local health authorities allow, eight sessions will be attended by an amazing range of artists starting in late June. From award-winners to developing artists, Halls Island on Koshlong Lake will be alive with creativity and inspiration.

The residency's 2021 artists include: *New York Times* bestselling author Cathy Marie Buchanan; playwright and actor, Beverley Cooper; collage and screen-print artist, Alicia Nauta; musicians Todd Porter, Tanya Porter & Carlie Howell of The River Pilots; actor and voice artist, Marilla Wex; R&B/Soul singer/songwriter, Sandra Bouza; theatre artist/playwright/author, Cheyenne Scott; visual artist/sustainable practitioner, Natasha Lavdovsky; writer/cartoonist, Alyssa Graybeal; children's author, Melodie Acero; storyteller/expressive arts facilitator, Lindsay Hobbs

Working alone or as part of a group, the artists will dive deep into their art form in the solitude Halls Island offers its resident artists.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has curtailed any in-person programming, but leaders behind the program have exciting plans for an exceptional virtual community engagement. Details will be announced as they become available.

"Halls Island Artist Residency is an amazing opportunity for artists to come to Haliburton, be inspired by its beauty and add to the rich fabric of our local creative community," says Don Gage, co-chair. "We're excited by what our resident artists will do this summer."

Applications for summer 2022 will open in November 2021, and artists of all disciplines are encouraged to apply online at www.hallsisland.ca.

Halls Island is privately owned by a family whose generosity is providing the residency, accommodations and island access for the chosen artists. Halls Island Artist Residency is a member of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, a not-for-profit organization that encourages, develops and supports several community groups in the Highlands.

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Minden launches second season of *Scott's Vacation House*

DARREN LUM

County Life Staff

A Minden residence was featured during the opening episode of the newest season of *Scott's Vacation House Rules* on HGTV Canada on Sunday, May 16.

Hosted by real estate expert, contractor, entrepreneur and television personality Scott McGillivray, the series follows him and his design partner, Debra Salmoni, as they "turn rundown cottages into attractive vacation rentals."

With his own vacation property located just south of the Highlands in Kawartha Lakes, McGillivray appreciates and loves the beauty of the area and has featured the Highlands before.

"It's nice to stay kind of close to where I am doing properties," he said. "And it's a beautiful area. I think it's underestimated. There's a lot of potential here for growth. Some other areas are saturated and overdone. This area is just as beautiful, but maybe not quite as difficult to get into."

The show will also be showcasing the area just south of Gooderham in Trent Lakes in a future episode of *House Rules*.

McGillivray characterizes the show as "inspirational and aspirational."

"It takes a realistic approach to achieving goals that a lot of people have through good financial decisions and hard work," he said.

He continues, "There's nothing more rewarding than helping people achieve difficult goals and that's what this show is about, whether it's a renovation goal, a financial goal, an investing goal, or just in general, a retirement, or deadline [they're] trying to get to."

From his experience, the standout aspect is balance, he said.

At the beginning the focus was on creating a return on the investment, so people had a sound investment with a purchase or the renovation of the properties.

"That still is a critical piece of what I do, but I realized the balance that I'm talking about is finding a way to bring together both a return on investment and something I call a return on lifestyle," McGillivray said.

Scott McGillivray, host of *Scott's Vacation House Rules*, featured a Minden property in the premiere episode of season two of the series, which aired on May 16. /Photo submitted

He adds this show is the "pinnacle of that process. It really makes sure the properties that people absolutely love and cherish and build most of their memories in are also good financial decisions for them."

The common pattern he's witnessed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic is the concept of making what was a seasonal residence into something that is capable of year-round accommodation.

"People are not just looking at vacation properties as vacation properties," he said. "They are looking at them as a home."

This goes beyond retirement and now includes an entire transition to a lifestyle where people are moving out of the city to make a seasonal home into a primary residence.

He called it a "fast forward" effort toward achieving future objectives for retirement, which includes the move to cottage country, or renting out a residence to earn money for the future plan objective.

"It's also given people an opportunity to think about what's important and you can see that moving forward that people are really doubling-down on things that are really meaningful to them. That's why we've seen areas like cottage country take off in value because people are realizing that, 'Oh, my gosh. Life is short and anything can happen and I really want to focus on things that bring me joy,'" he said.

The predominant challenge he keeps seeing when working on these recreational seasonal properties is the lack of consistency with the building quality.

"There's a lot of makeshift things. Do-it-yourself stuff. There's a lot of outdated stuff. Some of the properties were built 100 years ago and some of them were built 20 years ago. Each one, they can be side-by-each," he said.

He said many of these properties don't have anyone living there full-time to maintain them, so the degradation can worsen and become a greater issue than if someone lived there to notice.

The show has been nominated for the Canadian Screen Award Best Lifestyle Program or Series, which was awarded on May 17. Results were not available as of press time.

McGillivray said after a challenging year having to work with the constraints of safety protocols, and the never knowing if shooting would be suspended or not pertaining to the pandemic, this award "means a lot to the team."

After 300 TV episodes from all the shows he has worked on over more than a decade, whether it's *Scott's House Call*, *Buyers Bootcamp*, *Income Property* and *Moving the McGillivrays*, McGillivray said it's the people, who are central to it all for him. He wishes he could help more people, who he learns about through his various social media platforms.

It motivates him during the times he can help so he can show others.

"When I do help somebody I try to make an example out of it so that other people watching can learn something and potentially use that to get to their goals as well," he said.

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'She Moves Mountains' an inspiring journey for former county resident

MIKE BAKER
County Life Editor

Haliburton native Amanda Lytle is set to achieve her lifelong dream of becoming a published author.

The 33-year-old teacher and podcaster, who currently lives in British Columbia, was offered the opportunity to write a chapter in a soon-to-be-released book titled *She Moves Mountains*. The book went on presale on May 10 and will feature real-life testimonials from women sharing stories over their triumphs, trials and tribulations in their home and work life.

Since launching The Safe Haven podcast two years ago, Lytle has opened all sorts of doors for herself in both her personal and professional life.

"I've just had the most incredible journey since launching my podcast … The idea behind it, initially, was to interview women and talk about the trials and triumphs of their lives – very much in line with what *She Moves Mountains* is going to be. It just became a phenomenal outlet for women, and later minorities and people from diverse backgrounds," Lytle said. "It's been a real labour of love. It's not been easy, but it's so worthwhile."

It was through her podcast that Lytle became connected with Sarah Swain, founder of Great Canadian Women Publishing House.

After listening to a few of Lytle's shows, Swain reached out to see if she would be interested in participating in a book series. Back then, the planned title

Amanda Lytle, who grew up in Haliburton County, is set to have her work published in the upcoming book *She Moves Mountains.* /Submitted photo

of the first book was *Women in Business*.

"I was pretty apprehensive at first. When Sarah told me her idea for the book, all of my limiting beliefs kind of set in – maybe I don't have what it takes, I'm not really a woman in business – but she was so encouraging. She told me that she loved my podcast, and that she thought I would bring a great perspective to the book, so I agreed, as nervous as I was," Lytle said. "Then it was decided later that the title would be changed to *She Moves Mountains* and I was just so inspired. How can you not be with a title as powerful as that."

She started out by jotting down bullet points, going through a timeline capturing her most memorable moments from her podcasting journey thus far.

"It was really easy once I got going. As I went further and further into it, beefing up the timeline, those point forms became little paragraphs, and the little paragraphs became anecdotal stories that could kind of help pull me back into that space," Lytle said. "As I was pulled back into that space, I started realizing how many vulnerable moments would come up. And then, from those vulnerable moments, came inspiring stories of how these people had overcome obstacles, or accomplished their goals."

All in, Lytle's chapter will run approximately 4,000 words.

Speaking to *County Life* earlier in May, Lytle admitted she had well and truly caught the writing bug now. She has agreed to take on a central role in at least one other book in this series, and is planning to expand her podcasting career over the coming months.

"It's an exciting time, for sure. There are lots of coals in the fire so to speak. I'm so honoured, and so incredibly excited to be a part of *She Moves Mountains*. Learning about some of the other stories included, it's amazing to think I'm going to be featured alongside some powerful, impactful women," Lytle said. "There's a possibility for me to potentially be a lead author in one of the other upcoming books… Then on the podcasting side, the industry is just exploding now. I just recently launched a new website, so people can keep up with the weekly series there."

Lytle is aiming to presell 200 copies of *She Moves Mountains*. For more information on the book, visit www.gcwpublishing.com.

For more information on Lytle's podcast series The Safe Haven visit thesafehaven.co.

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Farmers' markets essential, going ahead with season

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market returned to the Minden Fairgrounds on May 22. The event will be held there every Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., throughout the summer. / DARREN LUM Staff FILE

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market is back.

Returning to the Minden Fairgrounds, the market will operate from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday. The year's first market at the fairgrounds took place on May 22.

New manager Rob McConnell said with its 27 vendors this season, the farmers' market has something for everyone, whether its cooked, brewed, aged or picked fresh.

The lineup includes an entire range of vendors such as farmers, bakers, artisans, cheese makers, wine makers, jam makers, and maple product makers.

McConnell said he welcomes and thanks the participants for making the market successful.

He adds there will be the returning vendors like Edilicious, known for their cheese appetizers, but visitors can also expect new ones such as a new coffee vendor, and salad maker.

"It just adds to the diversity of what we already have," he said.

Like last year, the seasonal event will have COVID-19 safety protocols in place such as mask wearing, social distancing, one-way traffic, and attendance limits.

McConnell said he started volunteering close to a month earlier than he was scheduled to work because of what was required for preparations to start the season. He didn't do it alone he said, adding there are a lot of people behind the scenes with the farmers' market who made this season possible.

The market is also held at two other locations in the Highlands.

The market season kicked off in Haliburton at Head Lake Park on May 18. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Beginning June 18, Stanhope will host shoppers every Friday at the area behind the Stanhope Community Centre. Hours are noon to 4 p.m.

McConnell welcomes volunteers to provide assistance with general duties, including implementing COVID-19 measures, and setting up and taking down. See their website (betahcfma.wordpress.com) for more information.

Last year's market was delayed with a start on June 13, but with the support of shoppers it was considered a success for the strong sales, and, in particular, how it was held at all when many markets didn't host a season.

With the market now operating weekly, organizers are hoping to take advantage of the wave of popularity for locally produced and grown food.

Farmers' market president and local farmer Andrew Graham said he is looking forward to seeing how this season unfolds.

"There is a great buzz about local food," he said. "So we're just rolling with it."

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100 days of wonderfilling challenges

"All the world is full of suffering. It is also full of overcoming." Helen Keller

APRIL 7, 2021 started out like most other days this year - meditation, tea, a bit of a word play game - and then, after another report of the pandemic numbers going up and another lockdown imminent, something inside of me broke.

The thought of more isolation was not pleasant, in fact it was disturbing on so many levels; we humans are social creatures after all.

MARCI MANDEL
Way of Wonder

And then, out of nowhere came an idea, like a gift from my heart: start a 100 Days of Wonderfilling Challenge! For the next hundred days, I would set my antenna to find the wondrous that surrounds and is within and share it on social media. I didn't really have a plan or parameters, I was just going to look for what surprised, warmed, and opened me to a place of appreciation and awe.

It wasn't my intention to ignore the worry and disappointment of the era, I just didn't want it to be the centre of my existence. We have a lot of emotions going around now, and it's good to have a home base to return to. By choosing awe as my home base, as the place to journey from and return to, I could relax and become a curious detective seeking things that constitute a heavenly day.

Perhaps the upheaval of this pandemic is asking us all this question: who are we choosing to be at our home base – what soil is our roots planted in - and what distractions and temptations will we give up our centered self for?

Maybe on a grander level, we are all being forced to literally be at home so we can really tune in and align with these answers.

Right now, stuck at home, I am looking around and really making time to appreciate the wonder. What are those things that make me go Wow! Are there actually a hundred of them that I can also post with a photograph? Years ago, I wrote a piece about trusting the path, that sometimes when it looks like there's no way ahead, just take five more steps forward and there you'll see an opening. Could I think of a hundred things the first day? Actually, I didn't try to because I trusted I only needed to find one - one day at a time. 'How do you climb a mountain? One step at a time.' I've since started a list to help plan for those days when I'm distracted and my inspiration needs a boost, but so far I've found with my antenna up and open, ideas are always there: smiles, puppies, and toes in the earth; songs, blossoms, and signs of rebirth. Springtime absolutely is bursting with wonder.

Recently, I awoke without a concept or idea. Some old photo albums were out on a chair and while browsing through them, my body softened and time slowed right down. Later I realized, hey, that was a moment of wonder and could be an entry! How cool is it that through this exercise, I'm coming to know how wonder feels in my body and how to tune in and merge with its presence.

Wonder feels sparkly and warming, and now that I'm accustomed to it, I just have to say or think 'wow' and I'm automatically filled with it.

I've explored many pathways to this magical state - sung mantras, sat in ceremonies, studied texts - and then finally found that 'wow,' this simple expression of wonder, this simple expression that relaxes and brings me into the present moment, can ease me right in to the vibration of eternal love.

Wow!

Having a practice, having a method of aligning with wonder, is so important. With much that is disappointing, frustrating or unjust, we need a way to recalibrate and safely return home at will. I am so thankful for following that voice in my head and starting this journey.

Einstein said the most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He to whom the emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand wrapped in awe, is as good as dead; his eyes are closed.

Even though there are challenges, are there not small things we can do each day to remember we are part of the magic, the wonder that is the world we live in.

Feel the wonder of that.
Fill with the wonder of that!

Top 10 reasons for now enjoying mosquitoes

MAYBE IT is the isolation brought on by the pandemic, but I have to say, I have recently developed a soft spot for mosquitoes. Here are my top 10 reasons for enjoying them these days.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. The thought that we now carry worse diseases than they do.
2. Their visits are the most social interaction I get these days.
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8. At least they find me interesting.
9. My "I wouldn't hurt a fly "mantra does not apply to them.
10. They remind me of the good old days when we just had to contend with West Nile Virus and Malaria.

Holding

Pair of deer bounding across the road,
their bark-coloured fur blurring into the trees,
Air bristling as clouds bruise Sky.
I peer into the silence they leave behind,
after the rustle and crackle fades into the forest floor,
stepping from the open space of road into the crowd of trees,
where I never feel cramped,
preferring their company some days,
their stillness listening to my quiet rants,
never interrupting or lecturing me,
holding my worries as I release them into the clear Air,
my Breath slowing as I inhale swigs of this brisk spring day,
branches bursting with leaves, others,
slower to unfurl,
as I walk along the narrow trail no wider than my shoulders,
passing boulders whose blankets of moss aren't as bright as last week,
Rain drenching them a neon green, deepening now into a richer shade,
where my eyes rest before flitting away,
the trail splitting into three ways,
and I wonder which path to choose,
wondering which way the pair of deer took,
how many times their hooves have criss-crossed these trails,
before plunging deeper into the forest,
bolting between trees, not needing a map,
like my feet, to follow, the path veering to the right,
steering me down to a stream, flowing along the forest floor,
the gurgle of water curling around rocks, spilling over moss,
lulling me to stand still as the trees and just listen to the stream breathe,
a reprieve for my worries, that the forest carries instead of me,
receiving them without complaint,
still holding them after I leave.

Sylvie Kalenda

Have a thought, comment or opinion you'd like to share?

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Seating area has space for 300 people. The arena has a state of the art ice making equipment and has six dressing rooms. /DARREN LUM Staff

Haliburton County Huskies to join OJHL for 2021/22 season

MIKE BAKER

County Life Editor

The Huskies are coming home to Haliburton County.

Rumours of a Jr. A hockey franchise finding a home in the Highlands was confirmed earlier this month, when the Ontario Junior Hockey League [OJHL] announced one of its 22 franchises would be relocating to Haliburton County for the 2021/22 season.

The rebranded Haliburton County Huskies will play their home games out of the recently redeveloped S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. An agreement with Minden Hills council was finalized on April 29, which will see the Huskies use the facility as a home-base for the next seven years, through to the 2027/28 season.

Haliburton contractor and developer Paul Wilson is the man responsible for bringing Jr. A hockey to the Highlands. Having purchased the old Whitby Fury three years ago, Wilson jumped at the chance to relocate a franchise that was struggling in an oversaturated GTA market.

"It's a little bit of a gamble, because not many small towns like this have a Jr. A hockey team, but this is something that's really important to me. I grew up in Haliburton County. I've lived here all my life. I just wanted to give something back to the community," Wilson said.

The OJHL is the largest Jr. A hockey league in Canada, with a footprint that stretches east to Wellington, south to Buffalo and north to Collingwood. The team has a heavy GTA presence, with 15 franchises located within a 60km radius of Toronto.

The league has been a springboard for many talented players over the years, including Haliburton's own Bernie Nicholls, who played for the North York Rangers of the OJHL ahead of his 17-year career in the NHL. Former Haliburton Huskies minor hockey player and future NHLer Cody Hodgson also played at the OJHL level, as did current NHLers Zach Hyman, Travis Dermott, Reilly Smith, Brendan Smith and Devin Shore.

It's expected that the Huskies will join the league's East Divison, alongside the Lindsay Muskies, Cobourg Cougars, Trenton Golden Hawks and Wellington Dukes.

Hockey operations will be handled by Ryan Ramsay, Wilson's son-in-law, who will serve as head coach and general manager. Ramsay played in the OJHL as a teenager before going on to play in the Ontario Hockey League [OHL]. He signed a contract with the NHL's St. Louis Blues in 2004, forging an 11-year pro career in the American Hockey League [AHL] and the Deutsche Eishockey Liga in Germany.

"We think the knowledgeable hockey fans of this area will really enjoy this brand of junior hockey," Ramsay said. "Our players are shooting for college scholarships and opportunities to play in the OHL and eventually professionally. This emphasis is on skill, speed and character."

Wilson said he expects to welcome back the majority of the team that was set to represent the Fury this season, before the COVID-19 pandemic saw play shutdown.

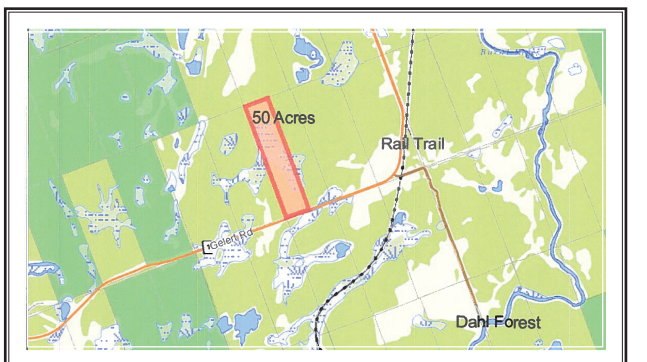
There will be lots of talent on the team, Wilson said. County residents may even re cognize a name or two, with local players Joe Boice and Ryan Hall already confirmed as Huskies for the 2021/22 season.

"It's very important to me that we have a competitive team in our first year. We're asking the community to support us, so I think we owe that to them to try and have a good team," Wilson said. "We'll have most of the guys back that we want back from last year, and we'll have a couple of Haliburton County boys on the team too. It's definitely nice to get a bit of a local element to the team. We have a couple of others trying out, so there could be a third member [from Haliburton County].

"These aren't just token spots. These kids are good enough to make the team," Wilson noted.

The Huskies are set to host their inaugural rookie camp from Aug. 13 to 15 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The OJHL season is slated to begin in September.

"We're definitely relying on the community to sponsor the team, and the fans to come to games and support the team. This is something that, I think, can be a real positive, especially right now with everything that's going on in the world," Wilson said. "I'm really proud to be able to do this, bringing the Huskies back to Haliburton County."



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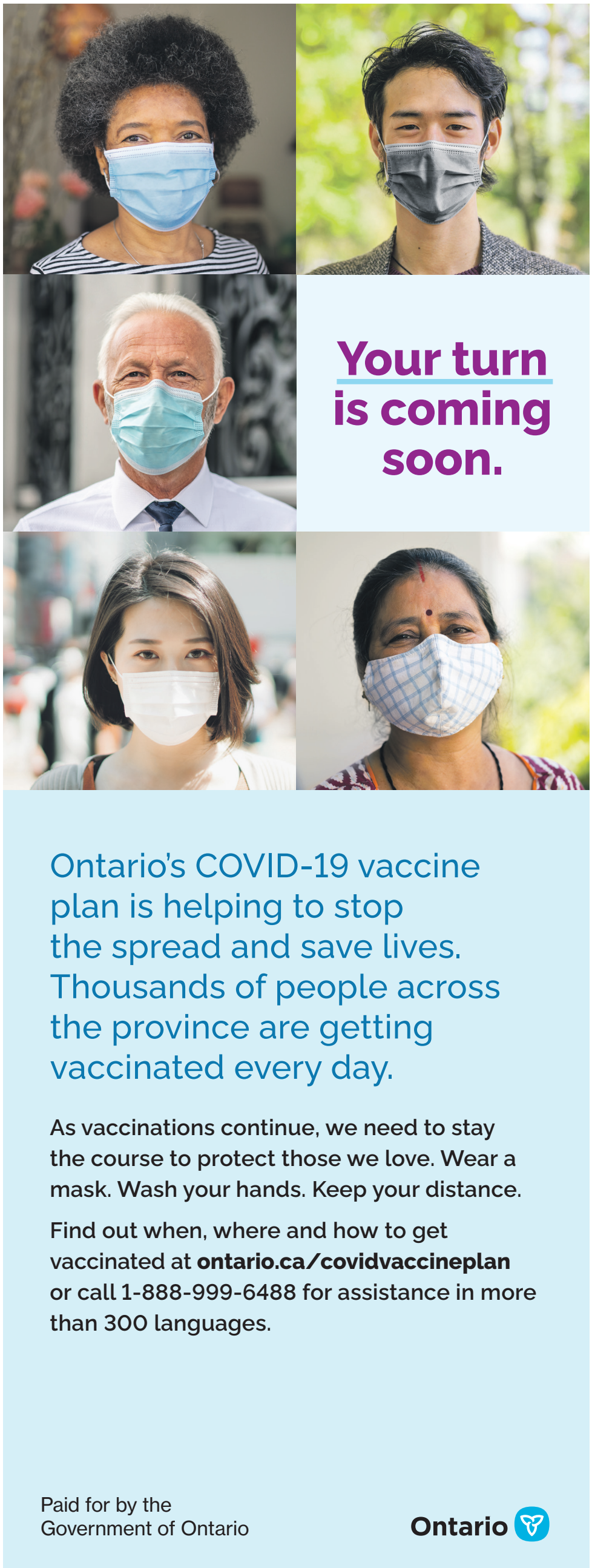
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Claudette Pitre is looking to a brighter future with the opening of her new restaurant, Poquito Loco. Call them for an order from her menu of Mexican dishes at 705-455-9999. For updates see their Facebook page: facebook.com/Poquito-Loco-109897254593915./DARREN LUM Staff

Embrace the flavours of Mexico at Poquito Loco

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

A new restaurant owner is hoping to share her love and passion for Mexico with Haliburton County.

Claudette Pitre said opening her eatery, Poquito Loco is about following her heart.

"It feels like a passion project and to me it feels like the community needs it. Maybe not as much as I do, but we need something new," she said.

While the restaurant was originally scheduled to open on May 20, Pitre was forced to push that back due to "unforeseen delays."

In a post on the Poquito Loco Facebook page, Pitre said she wasn't going to commit to a firm opening date, but noted it will be "very, very soon."

Getting ready to serve tacos and other popular Mexican dishes at the Haliburton location, overlooking Head Lake, touches on a memorable experience, Pitre said.

She said a month-long stay, living in San Pancho, Mexico with her husband and two young children, who are now in their twenties was the foundation to starting this restaurant, located at 48 Highland Street.

"We fell in love with the culture and the food," she said. "Since we spent all that time in Mexico it's kind of become a thing at our house where I have Mexican nights. Everybody loves the food that I cook ... we had always thought of opening an eatery because there are three things I cook really well. One is Italian. One is Greek. One is Mexican. We went with Mexican basically because it's healthy, and affordable for the people."

She adds there was attention towards food that was affordable to attract students and be easy to order and carry away from the leased location.

Spanish for "a little crazy," the restaurant name and the sentiment behind it is correlated to the time and circumstances of life now, Pitre said.

"It kind of encompasses me opening a restaurant during the pandemic and me being a little crazy," she said. "But at this point it really is what do I have to lose?"

She adds it is her goal to serve people quality food made from fresh ingredients, including locally sourced meat and anything else possible. This is part of her effort to support the community, she said.

"We have really good suppliers right at our fingertips," she said.

Pitre even employed local artist Robert Van Nood to create the donkey that appears in the restaurant's sign.

During the early 2000s, Pitre ran the kitchen, cooking at the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon, which was run with husband Mark Christiano. The Lounge was a popular spot for years, holding open mic nights and other evening events.

The return to the food industry is related to how the pandemic shutdown parts of the economy more than a year ago.

Pitre had been working within the live entertainment industry before the pandemic shut everything down. Just before the shutdowns, her work was very busy.

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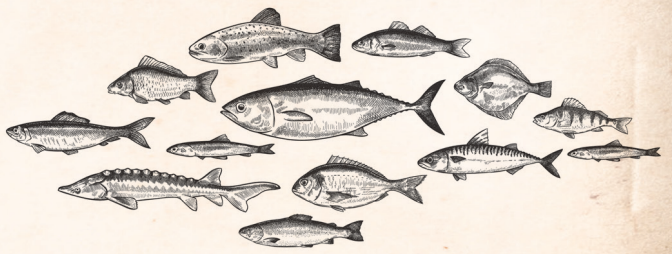

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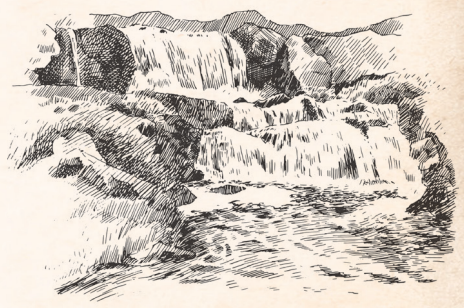

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End-of-life doula speaks to choice at Green Burial Society AGM

SUE TIFFIN
County Life Staff

Adriane Weller's curiosity in understanding better what the end-of-life time might be like has led to a passion to encourage others to become informed of their options and prepared to plan in advance of their own death.

On April 28, Weller – an end-of-life doula - was the guest speaker at the first annual general meeting held by the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society, where she presented on "How to Plan a Green Burial."

Weller has a 45-year connection to the Algonquin Highlands – her longtime family cottage was located just down the cove from Terry and Shirley Moore, whose son Kyle Moore died in 2019. The HHGBS evolved from an Environmental Haliburton project to honour the environmental legacy of Kyle, who wished for a green burial but was unable to have one in Haliburton County. The organization has been supported with thousands of dollars of donations by interested individuals supporting the establishment of year-round green burial options in Haliburton County.

A green burial can involve a lack of preserving chemicals or embalming, a choice of shroud or biodegradable caskets with no grave liner or vault, and burial grounds with minimal landscaping, restoration of grave sites with native plants and alternative means of commemoration rather than tombstones.

Though green burial sites are increasing in popularity, with some Ontario cemeteries including in Picton, Niagara Falls and Cobourg offering green or natural burial, they are not yet considered mainstream so Weller said it's essential for people to become informed of what their options might be, and advocate for their wishes. In a reference packet she distributed to attendees of the HHGBS AGM, she notes that around natural burial considerations, "there are other possibilities that may be meaningful or important considerations for you in fulfilling your vision, some of which may require more investigation and or advocacy," some of these possibilities including grave opening and closing by hand, and a shallower grave depth – three to four feet rather than five to six feet – that would allow for more efficient decomposition.

"This all started for me from my own curiosity in understanding all of these things," she told *County Life*. "It was my own self-education. I didn't find a one-stop shop where I could go and get all of this to the level of detail that I wanted, all of this education to inform me so I could go and achieve and create what I wanted to go and achieve and create. There aren't standalone natural burial grounds in Ontario yet, so at a minimum people are looking at hybrid cemeteries, and even from cemetery to cemetery, the depth of involvement and engagement that different cemeteries have varies by cemetery – what one defines as green burial might not be the same as another."

Weller said being able to support people to be well-educated and empowered to make end-of-life choices for themselves is something that's very meaningful, noting that everyone's circumstance is different – while some people just want to be pointed to the right resources, others want to be able to engage in more conversation about it, and many want to know where to begin in planning or how to ask questions of cemetery managers and funeral directors about what they might offer. What's important is that people know they have access to resources, knowledge, and clarity to move forward in a way that works for them, she said.

"There's so many layers of possible understanding, and some people just want to know they're not going to be embalmed, and other people would be interested in all of this and it would actually make it really meaningful for them in a way that they wouldn't otherwise have been able to have," she said. "In my experience, being able to engage with our own or our loved one's death in a way that is so much more personally meaningful really transforms the whole experience. And that's why, this is the passion I have in this, is finding ways to help us as a society and a culture become more engaged in death and find more meaning in it, because I find that really transforms the experience for the person dying and it can for those that are still living as well."

As an end-of-life doula, Weller is trained to provide non-medical, holistic support – whether that be emotional support, spiritual support, physical comfort, or practical support - to individuals and families through illness or dying, or death, or after death. Each individual brings to their work their own level of interest, experience and background, said Weller.

"For me personally I think advance education, preparation, planning, understanding, all of those are really, really valuable for people who are interested, and I also feel similarly that after the time of death there are still a lot of possibilities people don't know we have in Ontario, including the legal opportunity for family-led death care," she said.

In the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act – the main piece of legislation that covers death care in Ontario – families are legally able to provide after-death care services for their family in many cases, said Weller, which she thinks is generally not known by most people.

"What this section of the legislation asserts is that families have the right to undertake some of the same activities that funeral directors might undertake, but they can do it for their own loved ones, their own deceased," she said. "So that would include things like spending more time with the deceased's body. In most cases this is possible, not all depending on the circumstance of the death, but in most cases this is possible."

A body can be kept in a home or returned to a home so family can spend more time with the deceased, as well as take part in basic caring for a deceased's body – washing, bathing, preparation. Families are able to submit the paperwork to register the death themselves if they choose, and have the right to transport a deceased body as well as host funerals, ceremonies or services in their home or on their property.

"These are actually legal options for families in Ontario, and most of us don't know that, and most of us don't know how to do it well," she said.

A chart on Page 8 of the Guide to Death Care in Ontario, published by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario, shows what services can be provided by service providers, including the family of the deceased.

"I find that chart really useful because it's like a snapshot, and it's also coming from the regulatory body for this legislation for our province," said Weller. "It indicates from a high-level view what families are able to undertake should they choose. It's very much, because it's so unusual nowadays and foreign for most of us in our culture, education is a huge, huge component of this. It's really something that can be a lot harder to do, if it's not thought about or planned for in advance. Especially again, sort of like green burial, because there's still misunderstanding about it in the wider community, in a lot of cases, that it's not uncommon for people to be misinformed or told that it's something they can't do but in fact they can."

Weller said she supports people who want to have a traditional funeral and burial, and also those who want to pursue a different option that is also legally available but most wants people to understand there is choice so people can be well-informed in making the best decision for themselves.

"Whatever choices people are making, to me there seems to be this veil of mystery that isn't serving us as a culture in really engaging with death care, and we will be healthier regardless of whether it's conventional or natural choices that people make, we as a society will actually be healthier when we re-engage with death for its humanity and for its place in our social fabric," said Weller. "These are all, I think, pieces of that – for people to ask questions, to get quality, accurate answers, and then to make their most personal, meaningful choices from that place."

She is proud of the Moore's contribution to the community in pursuing local green burial options and helping to educate residents as to choices available.

"It's a gift to have a green burial society in a local community, I think, for people who are interested in this," said Weller. "I think for people who are interested to continue to voice that interest within the community, whether that's through the municipality or local providers, that's all very helpful to making these things more mainstream. To encourage people to not be afraid to reach out, to make themselves well-resourced ... it's a real challenge when there's a lot of information out there but it's not all accurate, to help discern that for people."

The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society is actively looking for members as well as potential board members. For more information visit haliburtongreenburial.ca or contact the HHGBS at hhgreenburialsociety@gmail.com. For more information about services offered by Adriane Weller, contact adrianeweller@hotmail.com.

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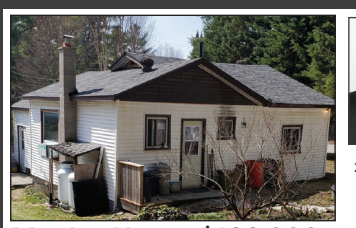

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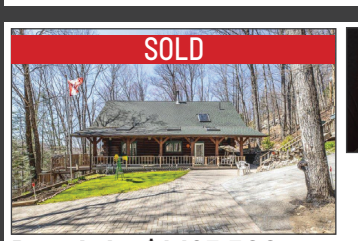

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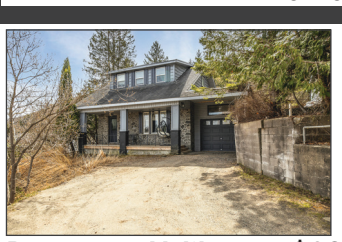

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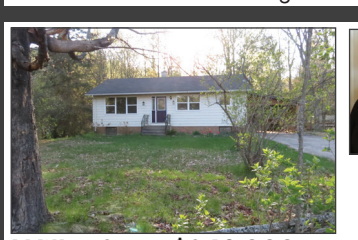

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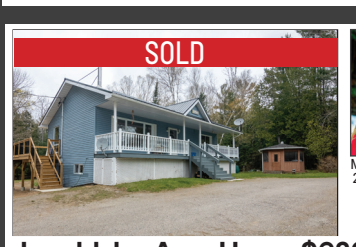

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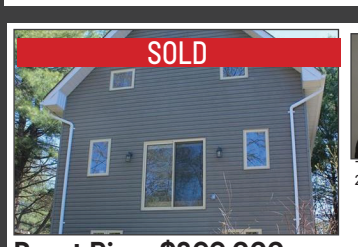

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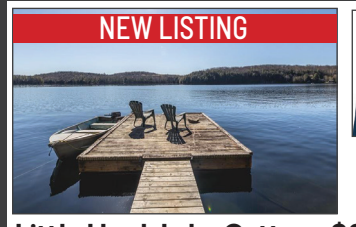

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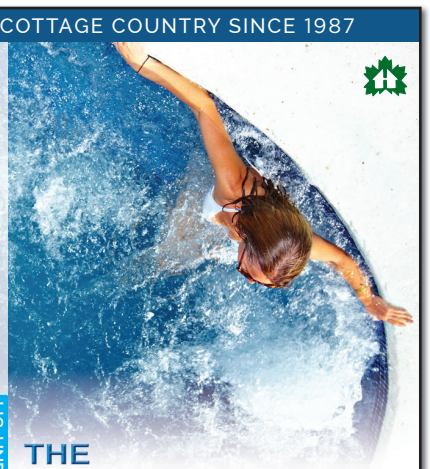
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HHOA reinstates Walleye Watch

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association (HHOA), has reinstated the Walleye Watch Program, a survey of spawning walleye on the Drag River. The effort is being directed by retired Fleming College fisheries and limnology professor Denis McGee. Fourteen HHOA members and other volunteers carried out the survey over 25 nights until the run was over. The survey focused on two sections of the Drag River below the dam located next to Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton.

"Data from this and future surveys will be used to help us better manage walleye throughout the Kashagawigamog chain of five lakes," said McGee.

The run lasted from April 2 until April 20. The total walleye count was 1,334 for all nights combined. This data will be compared to data from the original Walleye Watch Program that was started by retired MNRF biologist David Flowers in the early 2000s and ran for 15 years. The Drag River location is considered one of the most important walleye spawning sites in the region.

"We have heard from members and anglers that walleye fishing in the chain has been declining in recent years," said Dan Smith, HHOA president. "We hope to help improve the fishery through data collection and spawning site improvement."

Walleye were first introduced into the Kashagawigamog Chain in the 1950s. More recently, walleye were stocked in the Drag River from 2010 to 2015. Walleye stocking was stopped after 2015.

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association helps maintain and enhance local fisheries. Its mission is to help residents and visitors to the Haliburton Highlands enjoy angling opportunities while practicing good conservation. Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and stocked over 700,000 fish in local lakes. For more information on the HHOA and the Walleye Watch Survey visit: https://www.hhoa.on.ca/news

- Submitted by the HHOA

Haliburton's new Mexican restaurant will be a family-run affair

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Although her husband was going to continue to work in Haliburton, as a popular hair stylist, they planned to rent a place in Toronto because of the work and because it was closer to her two children in university. Luckily, she said, the circumstances allowed them to get out of the agreement.

"It went from going crazy to having nothing," she said.

Pitre said this will be a family-run business, which will include her husband and, periodically, her young adult children.

For now, the menu will be fairly simple with beef, chicken and vegetarian tacos. This includes the slow cooked seasoned meat, [beef] barbacoa. The menu will include burritos, tostadas, quesadillas and rice bowls, including salads. The taco shells will be made from corn, white flour and whole wheat tortillas. Operating hours will be 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday.

"If there is a demand [I will] change accordingly," she said, referring to the menu and the operating hours.

Items for individuals will start at $5 for a taco and up to $14 for a platter. Take out family platters will be available, which would include all of the various components to assemble later when the customer gets home.

The focus at the location will be on takeout due to very limited indoor seating, with three tables on site. However, Pitre said she hopes to expand the outdoor seating to triple what it is by adding picnic tables and seating to face the lake. She said the way the interior will be set up will be similar to Mucho Burrito – counter of ingredients where a server takes selections to top a shell or fill a wrap. Pitre said catering will also be an option as well as the take out.

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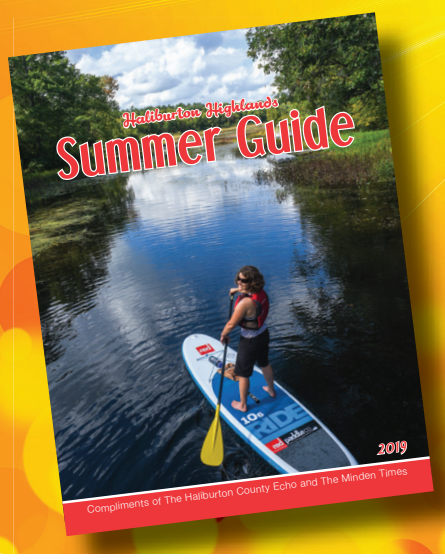

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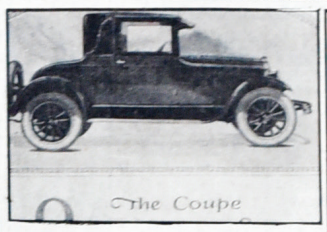
INSIDE THE ECHO

The local Association for the Mentally Retarded has started a new volunteer program entitled Friendship Unlimited. It's another step of intergrating people into the community. For details, see page 3

When she was a young girl, Nila Reynolds could listen for hours to the stories her grandparents had to tell. Coupled with a love of writing, this led her to becoming an author. For more, see our Second Section.



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Health unit opens new clinic for family planning

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has announced the opening of a Family Planning Clinic in their Haliburton office. The Health Unit has been operating a successful Family Planning Clinic in the Lindsay area for the last four years, and was recently granted additional funding from the Ministry of Health for the expansion of this service to cover Haliburton County.

The clinic will offer counselling services dealing with such issues as birth control, fertility problems, pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, decision-making about sexual activity, and talking to parents and/or children about sexuality. Other services will include pregnancy testing, physical examination and Pap testing, teaching regarding Breast Self Examination, referrals for additional medical care and/or counselling for problems related to sexuality.

Services are available to both males and females, and all information is kept strictly confidential.

The Haliburton Clinic is schedulated to open on Tuesday, April 26. It will be open Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Appointments can be made by calling 457-1391.

Municipalities get road work grants

Nine local municipalities will get supplementary funding from the provincial transportation ministry this year. The money will be used to purchase machinery, and for other approved special projects.

The biggest beneficiary of the supplementary funding is Dysart et al, which will get $52,500 to buy a plow truck. Lutterworth Township will get $44,200 for the same purpose.

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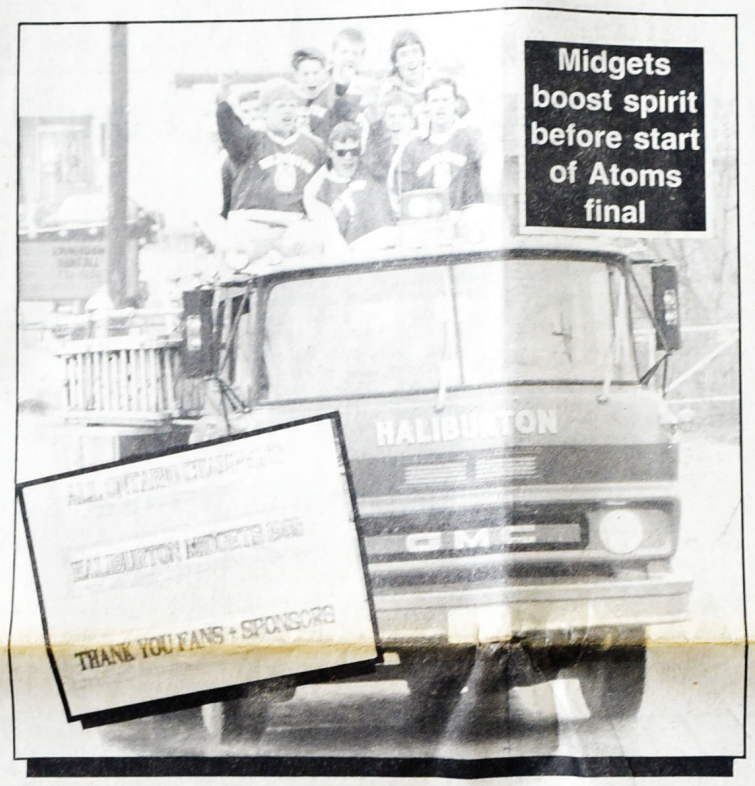

Midgets boost spirit before start of Atoms final

Saturday's rain didn't dampen the spirits of Haliburton's OMHA Midget hockey team as they celebrated their all Ontario championship with a ride through town on the fire truck, accompanied an ambulance with its siren warbling, and other vehicles. It was a prelude to the OMHA Atom final at the Dysart arena later that afternoon. Despite the the presence of the Midgets as a cheering section behind the Atom bench, and a supportive crowd in the stands, the local boys couldn't score the goal they needed, and lost 1-0 in game seven to Langton.

Eakins praises bid to alter county

by LEN PIZZEY
Editor

Two Haliburton County reeves' proposal to reduce the number of municipalities in Haliburton County from 10 to five, is "the stuff of leadership", according to municipal affairs minister John Eakins.

In a speech to the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association annual meeting, Eakins, who was careful to point out that he had no involvement in the initiative put forward by Minden reeve Sinc Nesbitt and Bicroft reeve Bill Howe, described that leadership 'stuff' as "to face reality boldly and to lead the way in preparing for the challenges ahead."

The move by Nesbitt and Howe to get the idea of amalgamation on the county council table came after Eakins' ministry released the report of an advisory committee on county government. The report recommends substantial changes in the organization of counties, and in the basis of representation. It advocates a move from assessment-based representation to representation by population. It also suggests that municipalities with populations of less than 2,500 would not have seats for deputy reeves at county council.

If it is acted upon, the report would alter the basis of power in Haliburton County, and could open the door to restructuring, since the smaller municipalities, already deficient in some services as well as in assessment, would have less influence on county decisions than they presently have.

While Eakins told his audience he would not predict the outcome of the Haliburton reeves' initiative — it would defeat the meaning and purpose of consultation, he said — he did point out some of the limitations of small municipalities, a view that appeared to lend added credence to the position of Nesbitt and Howe.

A parliamentary committee scheduled to conduct hearings on the reform to county government this summer "will address an important aspect of reform" that was not included in the advisory committee report — "the position and role of the very small and separated municipalities."

"The county must begin to address its logical role in anticipating new opportunities for economic development, and begin planning for them on a county scale" Eakins said. "And the dispersal of responsibility for service, among small units, some of them with fewer than 1000 people — in some cases only a few hundreds — cannot make sense in efficiency or economy."

The need for lake planning studies is one example where larger units

Reforms may include amalgamating small municipalities with large ones

would be more effective, Eakins indicated.

"This is an area where some local municipalities have neither the knowledge nor the resources to undertake on their own, such and important yet technically complex subject; especially the very small ones."

"In Haliburton, for example" Eakins said, "there are some municipalities that have assumed responsibility for sound lake planning, and others that haven't or can't. Also, since watersheds do not respect municipal boundaries, local municipalities are often not the appropriate units to do such studies."

Eakins also touched on other issues of concern to FOCA, and cottage country in general. One of these is municipal taxation, an area in which FOCA has been pressing for reform, particularly with respect to the education portion of tax bills.

Eakins said that in his view, municipal taxation must be looked upon "not as a fee for specific services, but as a base of revenue for the municipality — for all its ser-

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Cottagers step up tax reform battle

by LEN PIZZEY
Editor

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations has vowed to step up its campaign for what it calls "fair cottage taxation." By that it means a reduction in the amount of money assessed for education on property tax bills, and a move towward a more broadly based, income-related tax for education.

In a speech to FOCA's annual meeting, John Beare, chairman of the organization's taxation committee, said members will be urged to lobby MPP's and municipal councils in the next few months with a view to winning reforms.

FOCA's position, as expressed by Beare, is that the education portion of local property taxes represents "a glaring inequity" for cottagers, since they must "pay twice" — at their permanent and seasonal residences — for a service that they can use only once. FOCA argues that the burden of school financing should be shifted away from "narrowly based and crude" property taxes to

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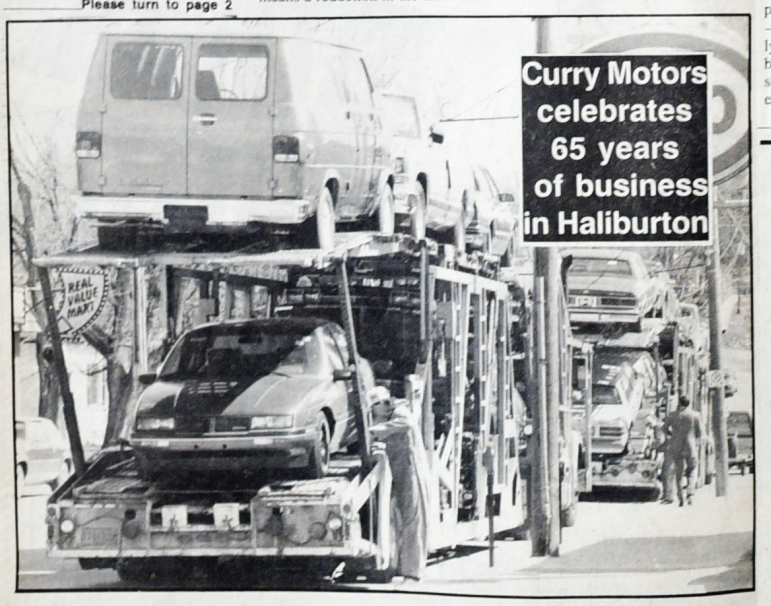

Curry Motors celebrates 65 years of business in Haliburton

More than a few heads turned on Haliburton's main street on Monday as transport trucks loaded with cars rumbled into town and pulled up in front of Curry Motors. The local dealership is marking its 65th anniversary with a number of special offers, and has set a goal of selling at least 65 vehicles in 65 days. Many of those cars and trucks rolled off the transport trucks on Monday. For more on Curry Motors anniversary celebration, don't miss the special eight page section in this week's Haliburton County Echo.

Minden Legion takes a major step, buys Fireside for branch home

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

Minden may have been a long time in getting its own Legion, but ever since last September's granting of a charter to Branch 636, it's been full steam ahead. Now the Legion is one step closer to being a viable and visible presence in the community with the purchase of the former Fireside Restaurant to use as its branch meeting hall.

This Thursday, the Legion will take possession of the large restaurant on Highway 35 owned by Mabel and Keith Brannigan. Mrs. Brannigan, a member of the Haliburton Legion and instrumental in preparing the paperwork for the inception of the new Legion, let it be known she was interested in selling the building and would not list it until the Legion's property committee made a decision whether or not to buy it.

The vote was unanimous to accept the $275,00 pricetag, says the chairman of the committee, David McAdam. He and his committee had investigated many possible venues, including properties along the Bobcaygeon and Deep Bay Roads, the old IGA building and the soon-to-be-former Home All lumber lot, but all the leads turned out to be dead ends.

"The price was very fair," he says of the Fireside purchase, which includes the building, property and chattels. One other advantage is that it can immediately be used as a meeting hall, with only a few adjustments, such as a sign change, to be made. "It's not as big (as we wanted), but we've got to walk before we can run."

The building includes a front coffee shop which can seat 55, a banquet hall for 90 people, and an upstairs lounge which can accommodate a further 55 people. The committee is seriously considering renting out the front coffee shop, McAdam says, which can take advantage of the heavy traffic flow along the highway while generating an income for the Legion. A cabin at the back of the restaurant may also be rented.

"We'll likely use the banquet hall as our banquet room and use the upstairs lounge as our meeting hall," says McAdam. These rooms will also be rented out to various

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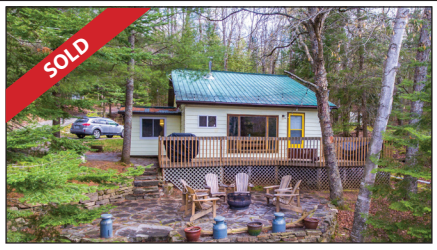
HALIBURTON LAKE
$685,000

This fully furnished 3-bedrm, 2 bath cottage is located on popular Haliburton Lake and is move in ready! Open concept kitchen and dining area. Ample storage space in kitchen, finished with wood cabinetry, stainless steel appliances and large island. Spacious living room with vaulted wood ceilings and unique stone surrounded woodstove. Loft is finished and is a great place for the young ones to escape to. Sand, rock shoreline with private docking system and sitting deck at water's edge.

KENNISIS LAKE
$680,000

This 3-bdrm, 1 bath seasonal cottage is move in ready. Spacious kitchen with open concept to the dining area. Livingroom features beautiful pine ceiling and beams and ample natural lighting. Large boathouse / garage is great for storage. Enjoy the big lake views at the waters edge on your spacious sitting deck. Don't miss this great opportunity to get on Kennisis Lake.

DRAG LAKE
$599,000



Searching for a year-round cottage? This 3-bdrm, 1 bath back-split cottage is perfect. With 100 ft of frontage and stunning views this traditional cottage checks off all the boxes. Open concept kitchen, dining and living area feature vaulted pine ceilings. The lake front deck is a great space for BBQing and entertaining family and friends. Recent upgrades include renovated bathroom and fully winterizing the cottage. Private docking system and clean, calm waters make for summer enjoyment and is great for children.

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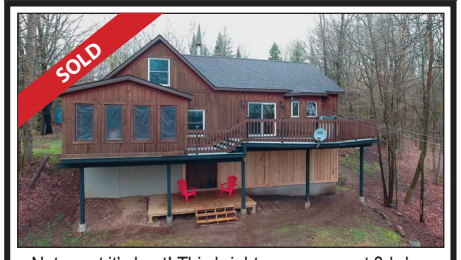

Nature at it's best! This bright open concept 3-bdrm home features 223 ft of frontage on Contau Lake in a quiet bay. Southern exposure and pretty lake view. Main floor features one bedroom, large kitchen finished with pine cabinetry, island, and ample storage space. Bright dining area with pine flooring, ceilings, and walkout to lake front deck. Sunken living room with cozy woodstove. Master bedroom is located on the second level with jet tub. Many recent improvements. 4.17-acre lot provides good privacy. Escape the busy city life and enjoy serene cottage country living.

BOBCAYGEON ROAD
$399,000

It's the perfect 4-bdrm, 2 bath year-round home conveniently located within walking distance to the town of Minden. This open concept home has many recent updates. Attached garage heated with propane heater and enclosed breezeway. Fully finished lower level. Beautiful, easily maintained gardens. Bright and sunny level fenced in yard backs. This stunning home is a pleasure to show and a must to see.

VICTORIA STREET
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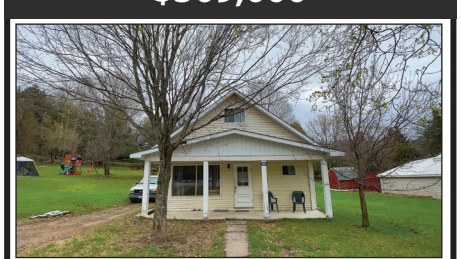

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